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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi      Group Art Unit: 1616

Re: Application of:      Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.

Serial No.:      09/435,576

Filed:      November 8, 1999

For:      **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR  
EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATION**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action of July 21, 2005 and to the Advisory Action of December 22, 2005 for three (3) months from January 23, 2006 to April 23, 2006. Applicants note that a Notice of Appeal was received by the USPTO on November 23, 2005. Therefore, the time for response has been calculated from the date of filing of the Notice of Appeal.

A check for \$1,020.00 is enclosed covering the three (3) months extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

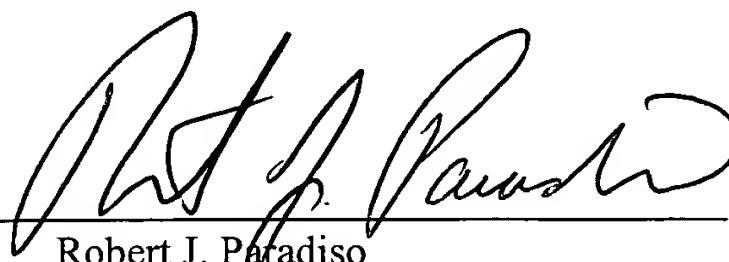
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